

Office of the Sergeant at Arms
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6634
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URGENT NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Dear Member of Congress:

The body of President Ronald Wilson Reagan will lie in state in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol, from **Wednesday evening, June 9, 2004, through Friday morning, June 11, 2004**. Please note the following important information concerning this event:

Tours

The Capitol will close to tours at 4:30 PM on Monday, June 7. The Capitol will remain closed to all tours – both staff-led and public – through Friday, June 11, and will reopen for tours on Saturday, June 12.

Rotunda Arrival Ceremony – Wednesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM

An Arrival Ceremony will be held in the Capitol Rotunda following a procession up Constitution Avenue. This ceremony will be open only to President Reagan's immediate family, members of the House of Representatives, the Senate, visiting heads of state, and government officials.

Lying in State – Public Viewing – June 9, 10 and 11

At approximately 8:30 PM, after the Arrival Ceremony, the Capitol Rotunda will open to the public. Staging for public entry will be on the West Front of the Capitol. The Rotunda will remain open to the public twenty-four hours a day until early Friday morning, June 11. Visitors are encouraged to call 202-225-6827 for recorded information regarding the public viewing.


Departure Ceremony and State Funeral – Friday, June 11

On Friday morning at 10:30 AM, there will be a Departure Ceremony as the body of President Reagan is transferred to the Washington National Cathedral. The State Funeral in his honor will be held at 11:30 AM.

Security measures necessitated by this event will have a large impact on access in and around the United States Capitol. As always, your understanding and assistance with these security measures are greatly appreciated.

We will provide you with further information as necessary. If you have questions regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 5-2456.

Thank you.


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